



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main break, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Dewatering and Bypass Operations

- Dewatering activities continue in the affected area. Most of the streets in the vicinity of the break are dry with some minor ponding remaining.
- Six pumps continue to operate on site to control and contain discharge from the break area.
- Two additional pumps have been deployed to the site for back-up purposes.
- 800 sand bags were delivered and deployed today to help protect homes and property in low-lying areas around the break.
- Up to 19 trucks continue to remove discharge from the area and transport it to other locations in the City's wastewater collection system.
- A northern bypass is collecting catch basin discharge and moving it to a sewer line north of the break area.
- Progress is being made on construction of a southern bypass that will redirect catch basin discharge to a sewer line south of the break area.

Repair Activities

- Repair parts are being fabricated and are expected to arrive on Monday, December 16.
- The repair will consist of installing two line stops, one on each side of the damaged portion of the pipe, and a bypass to redirect the flow around the damaged area.
- Equipment will be used that will allow crews to install the dual line stops simultaneously.
- This method will reduce stress on the system and should help decrease the potential for breaks in other areas.
- Once the line stops and bypass are in place, the damaged portion of the pipe can be replaced with a new section.

Garbage Collection Service for Residents in Affected Area on Ponce de Leon Drive

- Residents on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way should place their black garbage carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic on Ponce de Leon Drive.
- Black garbage carts should be placed out before 7 a.m. tomorrow morning, Friday, December 13
- Collection service tomorrow will be for black garbage carts only; no green yard waste carts will be collected.
- City staff will assist in cart collections on the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive by bringing the carts for servicing on the south side of the road and returning them to their original location.
- Residents with questions, may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Aeration

- A total of nine aerators are expected to be installed and operating in locations throughout the Tarpon River later this evening.
- Aeration will help improve water quality in the Tarpon River by improving oxygen levels in the water, increasing circulation, breaking down organic matter in the discharge, and helping to control odor.
- Vessels conducted skimming and debris removal activities on the Tarpon River today and will continue to service the river on a daily basis.

Environmental Cleanup

- Environmental cleanup activities continue including treating and disinfecting streets, sidewalks, and driveways, treating sod and grass, and odor control.
- The environmental contractor will be on site daily until the remediation is complete.

Road Closure

- Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

- A precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities remains in place for the waterways surrounding and adjacent to the affected area.
- To view a map of the impacted area, please visit <http://bit.ly/2LLTeNb>.

###